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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months to expire December 9, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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